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SENATOR BYARS: You can, but you get what we call more false positives.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right.

SENATOR BYARS: Infants who have...who don't have a hearing loss but, because of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...mucus, because of other parts of the birthing process, will cloud the audio system and so you don't get a good test. Typically, when they're tested the second time they're just fine. We're trying to avoid that, both from what Senator Redfield is talking about, to try to not do any more testing on the infants than possible, and, number two, to get accurate readings.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Byars. There are some cases, not very many of them, where the mother and the newborn infant are dismissed from the hospital at, it seems to me like, within a day, and I don't know why. I would imagine the ability that the parent has to pay for the hospital stay would come into play there too. So I'm wondering if...would this be...would this be something that would...that you would have to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...have to leave that...my time up, Senator?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, it is, Senator, yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Is my light on next or not?

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, Senator Preister's light is on next, Senator.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yours is next after Senator Preister. Senator Preister, you're recognized to speak on the advancement